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### Happenings at Lord of Life

Dear Friends in Christ,

There is much happening at Lord of Life that I want to tell you about!

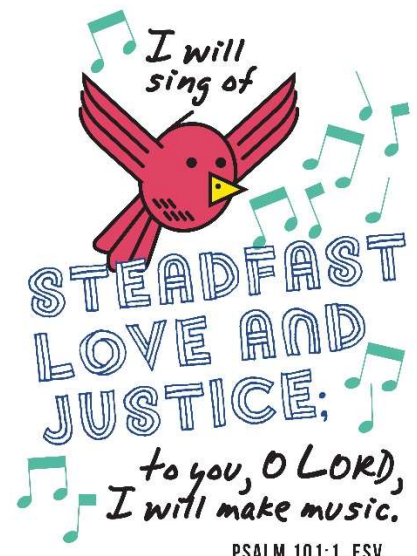
The first Sunday in October we will be starting up a college group. We have a handful of young college men who attend classes locally. They have expressed an interest in covering various topics of interest, many of them related to the common questions/attacks against the Christian faith that they encounter from secular peers and professors. We will begin talking about the reliability of the Bible and related subjects (texts, canon, history, etc.). This group will meet on Sundays after the late service. Christian friends are welcome to attend. If you know a college student who might benefit, invite them to join us or pass on their name to me and I will contact them. If you would like to get involved please let me know. (For example, if you have a topic you think college kids might benefit from, or you want to volunteer to provide a meal, I am sure that would be appreciated.)

Also this month, on Wednesday the 13th, we will be hosting an exploratory meeting for a Bible Study and fellowship group for home school families. The idea was presented to me by a home schooling family that this might appeal to some of the people who already attend classes at our church during the week. This additional opportunity would be an hour or two during the week and provide a program for the adults and children. If you would like to attend the meeting, my letter to the families is included below. Please pass it on to anyone you know who might be interested. If you might be interested in volunteering with this group in the future that would be greatly appreciated. Just let me know.

Finally, the news is out about Vicki Frinsko's impending retirement early next year. Of course, we are all going to miss her excellent service as Music Director. Vicki is a joy to work with and a true servant of the Lord and His Church. Many are wondering about the plan for the future of music leadership at Lord of Life. The administrative council and board of elders have discussed it at length and considered different options. For now, our preference is to call a Director of Parish Music or hire a fulltime Lutheran musician and we are pursuing these options. If you know of anyone who is qualified and might be interested, please let me know.

God bless,

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Rev. Joel Shaltanis, *Pastor*  
Victoria Frinsko, *Director of Music*  
Scott Peters, *Director of Youth Ministry*

9/29/21

Dear Christian Friends,

“What can we can do to serve families who homeschool?” This was the question recently asked of the director of the Classical Conversations group that meets at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Plano. The response I received was that there might be some interest in having a Bible study and social opportunity for moms and kids during the day, specifically, one that would respect people’s choice to wear a mask or not. Here is your invitation to be a part of such an opportunity.

Please join me, Pastor Joel Shaltanis, and our Director of Youth ministry, Scott Peters, for a luncheon, brief devotion, and planning meeting at Noon on Wednesday October 13<sup>th</sup> at Lord of Life Lutheran Church in Plano. Lunch and childcare will be provided at this initial meeting and the entire program will not go beyond one hour. Families are encouraged to stay and fellowship afterwards and make good use of our playground.

Our initial thoughts are that we would offer separate Bible study programs for adults and children, as well as play time, crafts, and music for kids. Wednesdays from Noon to 1:30 is a time that works for us, but we could be open to other times and days as well. And while our church would be glad to provide an occasional meal, the normal procedure would involve folks bringing their own lunches (if we choose to meet at the Noon hour.) Other information we want to determine are such things as how many are interested, what ages are the kids who will attend, what kinds of topics you would like to see covered in Bible study, how often should we meet, etc.

While we may not be able to accommodate every request, we would like to hear from you to help us plan a program that would be a blessing to you and your family. If you plan to join us on the 13<sup>th</sup>, please RSVP to the email address below by Monday, October 11<sup>th</sup> with your name and the names and ages of the children who will be attending.

God’s blessings in Christ,

Pastor Joel Shaltanis

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## Teen Times

At the end of September, My wife, Jonelle, and I took a short trip with friends to Fredericksburg, Texas to see the sites, appreciate some good German food, and indulge in a little hill country hospitality. One of the excursions we enjoyed was a trail ride on horseback on a nearby ranch. Afterwards, we had a BBQ lunch and shopped in some of the local stores on Main Street in downtown Bandera, Texas. The trip made great memories! Jonelle had always wanted a cowhide rug for one of our living rooms at home, and she found one at a good price at a small store while shopping. Since a cowhide rug is very thin, it was easy to fold up and transport back home. Upon returning, we set out to replace the existing rug in our TV room with our new purchase, but that meant moving the two leather sofas so the new rug would fit. The furniture in that room had not been moved in quite some time, and as a result, we wound up deep cleaning the entire room to accommodate the new addition. It is quite interesting and little scary what you can find in and under sofas that have been stationary for a couple of years!

While vacuuming, dusting, and mopping (and sneezing), I discovered a USB flash drive that had fallen down into the depths of one of the sofas underneath the cushions. Not having any idea what was on it, I threw it in my kitchen junk drawer (every dad has one) to check it out at a later time. When I finally got around to plugging it into my laptop, I discovered several years of pictures from previous youth ministry trips to various events going back 8 years. As I clicked through the photos, a flood of great memories rushed back into my mind and how much the youth from Lord of Life have grown and matured over the years. High school grads turned into college grads, careers got underway, and some have married, and have started their own families now! Life keeps moving forward, but with all of the things that are a part of our life on earth, we need to take time to prepare for what comes next. We often hear something like this;

*"Life is short...better enjoy it!"*

But how about, *"Eternity is forever, better prepare for it!"*

The great memories we make in our lives really should be something to cherish, and the photos I discovered in the dirty abyss of a sofa certainly remind me to do so. Although we can reminisce on the past, we really should be ready for what lies ahead. Jesus even told his disciples,

*"So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect it." Matthew 24:44*

Whether he comes for us at the end of our lives or for everyone at the end of the age, I hope and pray that we are all very well prepared. We have been given the gifts of God's grace through Word and Sacrament, the forgiveness of sins, and the fellowship we share with other believers in Jesus as our Savior. Those should always make the greatest memories we can ever have!

Until next time,  
Scott Peters



## The Word of God provides Inoculation from the Hostility of the World



It's clear that we live in a society that is largely hostile to God, to the Gospel and to Christians such as us.

St. Paul. St. Peter and St. John speak about the nature and source of that hostility:

*For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.*

Ephesians 6:12

*Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.*

1 Peter 5:8

*Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world.*

1 John 4:1

But, thanks be to God, He has given us faith

through the working of the Holy Spirit; He has done all that is necessary for our salvation; and He provides His Word as a means to face this hostility.

St. Paul and St. James tell us how we may be built up and matured in our faith to resist the hostility of the world:

*And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes.*

Ephesians 4:11-14

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*

Colossians 3:16

*All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.*

2 Timothy 3:16-17

*Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.*

James 4:7-8a

This is summed up for us in the Collect for the Word:

*Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that, by patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

Therefore, my brothers and sisters in Christ, let us remain in His Word for the strengthening of our faith and encouragement of our spirits. This is our inoculation against the hostile world in which we live.

We do this whenever we read and study the scriptures, and also when we attend weekly worship where the Word is read and preached and taught.

In Christ,  
Mike Kunschke  
Board of Elders



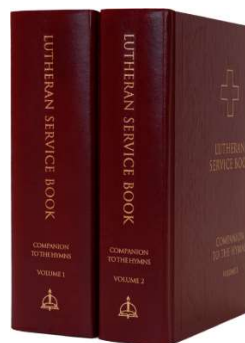
and celebrate the Reformation!

Brats, hotdogs, and sodas will be provided by the church. Attendees are invited (but not required) to bring a favorite side dish or dessert; German potato salad, Sauerkraut, Red Cabbage, Green Bean Casserole, Mac & Cheese, Spätzle, Cucumber Salad, Rye Bread, Pumpkin Pie, Apple Pie, German Chocolate and/or Black Forest Cake, etc.

Please RSVP in the narthex. Contact Carol Ozlowski at 214-394-6482 or [carolsop2@sbcglobal.net](mailto:carolsop2@sbcglobal.net) if you are available to assist with planning of this event or have ideas for activities.

## Thank You ...

The music ministry at Lord of Life recently received a very special gift —the *Lutheran Service Book: Companion to the Hymns*. This is a two volume set, which includes over 2,500 pages, has commentary on both the text and the tune of each hymn in the LSB, plus historical and topical essays, citing more than 1500 primary sources with submissions from 127 contributing authors. Thank you to Charles and Suzanne Gabriel for giving us this valuable resource!



**Lutheran World Relief**  
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.  
**Personal Care Kits**

Lord of Life will be assembling kits on November 6th to ship out on November 13th. These kits give people around the world tools to stay healthy in life's most challenging situations. Please sign up to contribute the items needed for the kits and leave them in the LWR collection box in the narthex by October 31<sup>st</sup>.

The kits include:

- (1) light or medium weight bath-size towel (between 20" x 40" and 27" x 52") dark color recommended,
- (2or3) bath-size bars of soap (4 to 5 oz) in original wrapping,
- (1) adult size toothbrush,
- (1) sturdy comb,
- (1) pair of metal nail clippers.



Cash donations are also needed to cover shipping costs. (Make checks payable to LOL, note for LWR shipping)

# ***LWML Dal-North Fall Event***

*Saturday, October 9, 2021*

*Faith Lutheran Church, Wylie*

*615 Parker Road, Wylie 75098*



9:30 Registration \$8

10:00 Start Time

12:00 Lunch

## *Fruit of the Spirit*

Bible Study

Business Meeting

Deaconess Amanda Curry, Speaker

Lunch

Ingathering Offering:

**LCMS Disaster Response – Haiti**

We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19

Helping the hurting amid disaster.

Questions: Roberta Lowery

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## Lord of Life Small Groups

### EPIC PARENTING

- † For 30ish couples with kids
- † For info contact Ben Scarth  
[BenjaminScarth@yahoo.com](mailto:BenjaminScarth@yahoo.com)
- † Usually meet one Sunday a month in the afternoon or evening

### FRUITS OF THE VINE CARE GROUP

- † For info contact Scott Peters at 972-898-3351 cell or [speters@planolutheran.com](mailto:speters@planolutheran.com)
- † Usually meet one Sun. a month at 5:30 PM

### GOOD NEWS CARE GROUP

- † For info contact Chris Oltmann at (972) 727-6330 or Mike Kunschke at (847) 951-6974
- † Usually meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat. of each month at 6:30 PM for Bible study

### MIXED BLESSINGS

- † For info contact Fred and Ruth Bernhardt at (972) 398-0771
- † Will meet Sat. 10/23 at 6:30 PM

### TWENTY SOMETHINGS

- † For couples and singles in their twenties
- † For info contact Pastor Shaltanis at [PastorShaltanis@yahoo.com](mailto:PastorShaltanis@yahoo.com)
- † The group is currently in transition, but has usually met on Sundays after late service



## OCTOBER



## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Mike Paradise, III
- 1 Mark & Kathy Plagens (44)
- 3 Frank Edelmann
- 6 Norma Martin
- 6 Gary Nuschler
- 6 Bennie & Paula Lowery (14)
- 7 Georgianna Womak
- 9 Susan Gromatzky
- 10 Rose Moore
- 10 Craig Stevens
- 11 Tim Ozlowski
- 13 Alex Ozlowski
- 14 Travis & Elisabeth Bennett (4)
- 15 Margaret Duff
- 16 Adam Buckmeier
- 18 Al & Mollie Manning (46)
- 18 Rueben & Bette Martin (35)
- 22 Sal & Julz Cruz (10)
- 23 Don & Paula Bunger (7)
- 24 Mike & Sherri Kunschke (34)
- 29 Rebecca LaPlante
- 31 Ruth Bernhardt
- 31 Jonah Carter
- 31 Judy Dibbern
- 31 Daniel Ozlowski

*Technically, Moses was the first man to download files from the cloud using a tablet!*

# prepare for worship in october

**Oct. 3: Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

Texts: Gen. 2:18-25; Heb. 2:1-13 (14-18); Mark 10:2-16

Hymn of the Day: "Our Father, by Whose Name," 863

**Oct. 11: Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**

Texts: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15; Heb. 3:12-19; Mark 10:17-22

Hymn of the Day: "Thee Will I Love, My Strength, My Tower," 694

**Oct. 17: Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost**

Texts: Eccl. 5:10-20; Heb. 4:1-13 (14-16); Mark 10:23-31

Hymn of the Day: "Hope of the World," 690

**Oct. 24: Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Texts: Jer. 31:7-9; Heb. 7:23-28; Mark 10:46-52

Hymn of the Day: "From God Can Nothing Move Me," 713

**Oct. 31: Reformation Day**

Texts: Rev. 14:6-7; Rom. 3:19-28; John 8:31-36 or Matt. 11:12-19

Hymn of the Day: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," 646



## SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

### 8 Months Ending August 2021

		Y-T-D Operating Funds	Y-T-D Budget	Variance	Jan-Dec 2020 Budget
<b>Contributions</b>					
	<b>Regular Offerings</b>	\$375,096	\$381,230	(\$6,135)	\$581,908
	<b>Other</b>	\$444	\$0	\$444	\$0
<b>Total Income</b>		\$375,540	\$381,230	(\$5,690)	\$581,908
<b>Expenses</b>					
	Operating Expenses	\$366,220	\$365,682	\$537	\$550,845
	Mortgage Payment (P&I)	\$27,800	\$20,640	\$7,160	\$30,960
<b>Total Expenses</b>		\$394,020	\$386,322	\$7,697	\$581,805
<b>Surplus or (Deficit)</b>		(\$18,479)	(\$5,092)	(\$13,387)	\$103
<b>Other Information:</b>					
	Operating Fund Balance	\$97,553			
	Restricted Funds Balance	\$111,321			
	Building Loan Balance	\$168,566			

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